

REMARKS

This is a timely response to the Official Action mailed June 11, 2008. Claims 22-32 are pending. Support for newly presented dependent claim 32 may be found in the application at page 4, lines 3-6 and page 7, lines 24-27, as well as in the various Figures.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the updated search and the analysis of the newly cited Zenker document and for the indication that Claims 25, 26 and 31 contain allowable subject matter.

All the rejections are based on the Zenker document alone or in combination with another document. However, as will be pointed out, it is believed that the Office Action has not correctly interpreted the Zenker document.

The teachings of the Zenker document do not anticipate Claim 22.

Anticipation requires a single reference to have each element of the claim under consideration. Claim 22 requires *inter alia*, at least "Laminated glazing", "two glass sheets", "one or more thermoplastic interlayers", and "a connecting circuit being formed from at least one conductive layer deposited on one face of the glass sheets or of the thermoplastic interlayers..."

The Zenker document discloses (according to the text of that document) *inter alia* a carrier substrate 1 which "is full-laminar coated with a conductive layer, for example in the sol gel process". ... Then, according to the Zenker document, "To the structuring in accordance with Fig. 2b afterwards are applied in the areas 13.1 – 13.4 individual connection points..." (emphasis added).

Upon reading the entire Zenker document, including the various embodiments, Applicant submits that the teaching is a single substrate upon which a conductive layer is placed and upon which thereafter the electronic components are added (along with connecting leads, etc), and not a laminated glazing. Accordingly, the Zenker document does not anticipate the single independent claim.

Separately, accepting for the sake of argument that the carrier substrate 1 described in the Zenker document constitutes a glass sheet, it is submitted that no second glass sheet is disclosed. On the other hand, if the Office Action intended to interpret the conductive coating associated

with the carrier substrate of the Zenker document as being equivalent to the second glass sheet of Claim 22, then the Zenker document fails to disclose the combination of one or more thermoplastic interlayers with the various sheets or layers being laminated together. (Claim 1 commences with the words "Laminated glazing".)

If the Office Action intended a different interpretation of the Zenker document, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant does not understand the proposed interpretation and accordingly a non-final action is requested.

The Zenker document, alone or combined with other prior art, does not render the claim obvious.

The Office Action did not rely on any other document for any of the features of independent Claim 22, but only for features in various dependent claims (other than those indicated as allowable).

Since the Zenker document does not disclose all the features of independent Claim 22, it is submitted that Claim 22, and all dependent claims are allowable.

Newly presented Claim 32, which also depends from Claim 22, is directed to a feature disclosed in the application as noted above.

CONCLUSION

For each of the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance are solicited. The dependent claims are submitted to be separately patentable since each dependent claim adds to the independent claim. Since Applicant has not substantively amended the claims, and since the only issue may be the clarity of the Zenker document itself, it is submitted that any subsequent rejection should not be a "final rejection".

Should the Examiner be of the opinion that further clarification would put this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged and requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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